

## CAC new Member Luncheon

6/24/09

John Fraley - Facilitator

**Note: please see action items near the end of this summary....**

Present: Darrell Coverdell, Greg Foley, Martha Abbrescia, Jim Satterfield, Lee Anderson, John Fraley, Dave Landstrom, Alan Wood, Mike Shepard, Tony Anderson, Alan Wood, Rick Komenda, Ron Hvizdak, Randy Richard, Wally Wilkinson, Jim Vashro.

- Administrative – **Next regular CAC meeting changed to Thursday, 10-01-09, 6-9 p.m. at FWP Headquarters on North Meridian Road in Kalispell.**
  - Term Lengths – Randy Richard, Greg Foley, Wally Wilkinson, and Bernie Cassidy will have the 4-year terms. The rest of the new members will have 3-year term lengths.
  - Discussed mileage reimbursement.
  - Tony asked if meetings can be scheduled well in advance at least two or three at a time. **The next two meetings were scheduled and they are: Thursday, October 1, 2009 and Thursday, December 3, 2009. Please mark your calendars.**
  - Expectations – Be present at meetings. Absenteeism discussed. Example of general guideline is not to have two consecutive absences.
  - Charter & past projects discussed.
    - Charter points of interest
      - Roles & Expectations – no one member to represent or speak for the entire CAC. Volunteerism is an advisory position.
- Informational
  - Website information & how to access
  - Fishing Handouts / Fish Stocking, etc.– also via website
  - FWP Annual Report
  - Statewide Fishing Newsletter
  - Fishing Access Guide statewide as well regionally
  - State Parks
  - Hunting & Fishing regulations, boat regs
  - TIPMONT
  - Wildlife Management Areas
  - Hunter Education – can also replace & print lost HE certifications
  - Living with Wildlife information & brochures

### Issues\Brainstorming: **Please note Action Items:**

The Committee discussed ranking of the major issues suggested at the May CAC meeting. The following four issues rose to the top of the list:

- Lake trout management in Swan and Flathead Lake
- Wolf management, issues depending on court actions, will they be controlled to enhance deer and elk, hunting quotas
- Access, including access for seniors, and people with disabilities, state parks water access, fishing and hunting access, Plum Creek land sales / abuse of these access points.

- Youth activities, promotion of angling and hunting, recruitment, more education. Hunter heritages, behavior and hunter ethics, perceptions of hunting/fishing/trapping.

**Next Meeting:**

The group suggested that the next meeting on 10/1/09 consist of the following:

1. Informational update on Flathead Lake and Swan Lake fisheries management;
2. Informational update on the status of the wolf hunting issue, other hunting regulations topics, in light of the upcoming January FWP Commission hunting regulations meeting in Kalispell;
3. **Major topic:** Access issue, hunter stewardship of lands, gates, fishing and parks access.

**Important note:** A suggestion was raised that a subcommittee be formed to work on the access issue topic; a possible action would be drafting a news insert for newspapers in each county, including etiquette for Plum Creek and Stoltze lands, public lands, etc.; and suggesting other ways the CAC can get involved in promoting responsible use of lands by hunters, anglers, and other recreationists.

**Action requested:** We are asking all CAC members to send us by return email their comments on this proposed subcommittee, issue selection, and agenda of the Thursday, October 1 meeting. Also please let us know if you are interested in serving on an access subcommittee; this committee would form in July and meet several times to prepare items for the full Committee at the October 1 meeting.